(a) whether Kerala Government have asked for additional financial assistance; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard and whether any amount would be given to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The financing of the approved Plan outlay for 1990-91 includes the admissible central assistance under Modified Gadgil Formula.

Projects running behind Schedule in Kerala

2148. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) which are the projects running behind schedule in Kerala; and

(b) what are the constraints for implementation/construction of these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) As per the monitoring system of the Ministry of Programme Implementation, the following three central projects in Kerala, each costing over Rs. 20 crores, were running behind schedule as on 31-12-89:

(i) Caprolactam & Ammonium Sulphate Project (FACT), Cochin by 21 months.

(ii) Cochin Port Procurement of a Dredger to replace B.D. Dredger (Lady Willingdon) (Cochin Port Trust) by 8 months.

(iii) Digital Trunk Auto Exchange (ITI), Palghat by 23 months.

(b) The major constraints affecting the implementation/construction of the above projects, *inter-alia*, are delay in technology tie-up for process packages, industrial relations problem at project sites, delay in supply of materials and equipments, delay in finalisation of external financial flows etc.

Taking custody of Wild Animals

2149. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of wild animals taken into custody by Wildlife Protection Authorities since November, 1989 from the public;

(b) where these animals have been kept; and

(c) whether any public awarenes Programme are planned to educates peoples not to keep wild animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 provides that nobody can keep in his custody any wild animal included in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule II without written permission of Chief Wild Life Warden of the States. Proper publicity of the provisions of the Act is made from time to time.

Interviews for selection of Directors in Public Undertakings

2150. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of public

Enterprises propose to hold interviews for selection of officers of Directors level in Public Sector Undertakings in the month of June and July, 1990;

(b) if so, whether some Ministries/Departments concerned have not so far furnished appropriate select list of candidates and/or have not caused the vacancies to come up for public notice through news-papers etc;

(c) if so, the names of public enterprises/undertakings for which interviews have been proposed; and

(d) what efforts would be made to defer such selection and to make the existing incumbents to carry on, till suitable candidates are found out to replace them?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (d) Bureau of Public Enterprises are not charged with the responsibilities of making selection of persons for being appointed to Board-level positions in Public Sector Enterprises. In fact the selections are made by the PESB, which has been established in terms of Government of India Resolution dated 3-3-1987, in terms of the policy laid down therein. The PESB depending upon the nature of the vacancy and availability of the persons who are associated with the selection process. PESB normally schedules the selection for full-time Board level posts two weeks in advance. The interviews fixed during the Ist fortnight of June, 1990 are as follows:

(i) DIR (FIN)-NP TC

(ii) CMD (PAWAN HANS)

(iii) MD, FSNL

(iv) DIR (OPS) RINL

(v) MD, Lagan Jute Manufacturing Corporation

(vi) DIR (ENGG), Burn Standard Co.

Ban on the movement of timber in private vehicles

2151. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Government to ban the movement of timber in privately owned trucks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Movement of timber is regulated under rules framed under Section 41 of Indian Forest Act, 1927. Any timber transported in privately owned vehicles has to be on the basis of it transit passes issued by an authorised officer under the rules framed by concerned State Government.

Change in the policy regarding social forestry

2152. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 830 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1990 and state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the policies regarding social forestry in the year 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the targets of social forestry for 1990-91?